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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF MUNITIONS CONTROL EMBARGO

ON PORTUGAL

REFS: (A) STATE 098984 MAY 23, 1973; (B) STATE 187374 OCT 13, 1972;  
(C) LISBON A-79 MAY 4, 1973; (D) DAO/LONDON IR 68360042 '74

SUMMARY: ANONYMOUS LETTER FROM LONDON ALLEGES THAT GERMAN FIRM ILLEGALLY SEEKING TO EXPORT TO PORTUGUESE ARMY, VIA PORTUGUESE COMMERCIAL INTERMEDIARY, 100 FIELD RADIOS FOR USE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. THERE MAY BE SOMETHING TO CHARGE, AS US HAS IN PAST TURNED DOWN PORTUGUESE REQUESTS TO BUY SAME TYPE RADIOS FOR USE IN AFRICA. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM DAO/LONDON TEXT OF ANONYMOUS LETTER WITH UK POSTMARK CONCERNING POSSIBLE FUTURE SALE OF ONE HUNDRED US AN/PRC 77 GY PORTABLE BACKPACK-TYPE RADIOS FROM GERMAN FIRM TO PORTUGUESE ARMY FOR USE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. LETTER (TEXT CONTAINED REF D) SAYS GERMAN COMPANY OFFERING THIS EQUIPMENT TO PORTUGUESE, TELEMET ELECTRONIC GMBH, MUNICH, IS PLANNING TO DO SO ILLEGALLY, WITHOUT PRIOR USG APPROVAL.

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2. THE RADIOS REFERRED TO IN LETTER ARE SAME TYPE AS RADIOS FOR WHICH NATO AREA ASSURANCES WERE REQUIRED BY USG IN 1970 AND 1971 (PC/MC CASE NUMBERS 18412, 27547 AND 27548). TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, NO ASSURANCES WERE RECEIVED FROM GOP AND CONSEQUENTLY NO SALES TOOK PLACE. THEY ARE ALSO SIMILAR TO PORTABLE RADIOS REQUESTED BY DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SECURITY (GDS) IN MOZAMBIQUE AND FOR WHICH EXPORT LICENSES WERE DENIED RECENTLY (STATE 098984 '73).

3. ALLEGED PORTUGUESE INTERMEDIARY IN THIS TRANSACTION IS EMPRESA TECNICA DE EQUIPAMENTOS ELECTRICOS, SARL (TELECTRA), MEDIUM-SIZE TRADING COMPANY WHICH SPECIALIZES IN IMPORTING ELECTRONIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE TO PORTUGUESE CLIENTS. SOME 80 PERCENT OF TELECTRA'S PRODUCTS ARE IMPORTED FROM US AND SWITZERLAND, WITH REMAINING 20 PERCENT PURCHASED FROM WEST GERMANY, ITALY, FRANCE, UK, AND NORWAY.

4. AMONG US FIRMS REPRESENTED BY TELECTRA ARE RCA, HEWLETT-PACKARD CO., VARIAN ASSOCIATES, THE TECHNICAL MATERIAL CORPORATION, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, AND BURR-BROWN RESEARCH CORPORATION.

5. TELECTRA, WHICH IS LISBON-BASED BUT WHICH ALSO HAS FIVE-MAN BRANCH OFFICE IN LUANDA (RUA DE BARBOSA RODRIQUES 42), HEADED BY FRANKLIN DOS SANTOS PAIXAO, SELLS MUCH OF ITS STOCK ON BID BASIS TO PORTUGUESE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE. SALES IN 1973 WERE 80 MILLION ESCUDOS OR APPROXIMATELY THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

6. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD CONFIRM OR DENY VALIDITY OF ALLEGATIONS IN LETTER. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED THAT THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE IN WORKS, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT PORTUGUESE MILITARY IS PRINCIPAL TELECTRA CLIENT. GOP WHICH HAS LONG SOUGHT THESE RADIOS, MAY ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT USG EXPORT REGULATIONS TO ACQUIRE THEM.

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